WATER SUPPLY IN ERNAKULAM—REDUCTION IN HOURS

494. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Commerce and Industry):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Ernakulam water supply is not cut off except when the town is asleep, *i.e.*, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The water supply in Ernakulam was shut off between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. from 22nd February 1940. From 25th March 1940, the supply has been shut off except between 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Sir, May I know the reason why they cut off the supply for these hours?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Because we want to store water during those hours to be supplied to other places in the morning and evening.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Are they now pumping for all the 24 hours of the day?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The supply is for 10 hours for Ernakulam. For the remaining period the water is being stored in the reservoir so that a steady supply can be had in the Town during the hours of supply.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Does it mean Sir, that the present power house is not able to cope with the demand?

Mr V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The amount of water that we can take is only 9 and odd lakhs. This quantity is not sufficient for the various places.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know Sir, the reason why practically no water is got at Mattancheri during day time.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* In Mattancheri we start pumping from Ernakulam at 1-30. That pumping continues till 10 o' clock and again we pump in the evening at half past three and it continues till 5.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In the evening we do not get water.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* In the evening you do get water.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know whether the Government is taking steps to acquire the right to take more water from the Alwaye river?

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Mr. President: The present pipe system cannot draw more than 9 lakhs of gallons of water. Unless we are in a position to solve the question by either duplicating or enlarging the present pipes, there is no use of asking this question.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether all the public hydrants give water when you are pumping water here?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The maximum consumption in the Town is about 50,000 gallons per hour and the pumping capacity is only about 37,000 gallons.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* My question is whether water is available in the after-noon from 1-30 to 8 o' clock?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes. 1-30 in the morning.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether water was available today at 5 o' clock in Ernakulam.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It ought to have been available.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I am sure it was not.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I got it at half past 5.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I have got a hydrant in front of my house and water was not available to the public.

Mr. President: We have fixed certain hours during the day and evening when water will be available both for Ernakulam and Mattancheri, and if during those hours water is not available, I want to have a definite complaint.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What I wish to bring to the notice of the Government is we can draw water from the hydrant between one in the morning till about 7 in the morning. We can draw it at no other times. In the day time we get practically no water. Everybody is running for drinking water in the morning.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* To make that supply more satisfactory it is necessary to have an additional reservoir also. We are taking action in this respect.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I request that today's experience may not be repeated, especially in the hot season.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We shall see to it.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We are taking up that question very soon.

TRIPPUNITTURA GOVERNMENT SERVANTS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

495. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of members in the Trippunittura Government Servants' Co-operative Society;

(*b*) how many of them belong to the Nayar Brigade;

(*c*) has the Head of the Department recently issued an order to the effect that no application from the members of the Nayar Brigade should be countersigned by the Second-in-Command;

(*d*) whether such applications so countersigned before;

(*e*) if so, what is the reason for discontinuing the practice now?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) 832.

(*b*) 264.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The practice has not been discontinued. Indiscriminate borrowings alone are discouraged.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* I shall answer this question.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Who is the person who is countersigning the applications.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* The disbursing officers.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Is it the Second-in-Command?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* May I know how many applications were countersigned since this order was issued?

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